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DEVICE**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-captioned application entered the National Phase on March 23, 2005, without a Declaration. The executed Declaration was filed on April 7, 2005. A Notification of Missing Requirements was mailed on July 22, 2005. A Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, indicating that the Declaration was already filed, was filed on September 9, 2005.

The original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt incorrectly list the filing date as September 7, 2005. The filing date should be April 7, 2005. It is respectfully requested that the corrected Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt be immediately forwarded to the attorneys of record at the address set forth below.

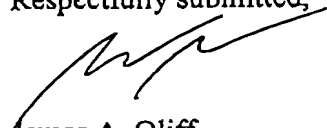
Attached is a photocopy of the original filing receipt on which the errors have been corrected. A copy of the April 7, 2005 date-stamped receipt and Declaration as filed are also attached. The errors are being brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office so that it may correct its records.

As the errors were made by the Patent and Trademark Office, it is believed that no fee is due. However, please credit or debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461 as necessary to effect entry of this Petition.

Application No. 10/528,803

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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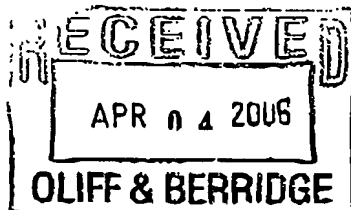


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Foreign Applications

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Early Publication Request: No

Title

Electronic display and control device for a measuring device**Preliminary Class**

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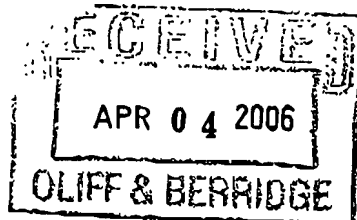


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The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and
 (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371
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The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 03/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/23/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 03/23/2005
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- Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/23/2005
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- Oath or Declaration filed on ~~09/07/2005~~ 04/07/2005
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FORM PCT/DO/EO/803 (371 Acceptance Notice)

PTO RECEIPT FOR FILING OF PAPERS**► Mail Room (Regular Delivery)****The following papers have been filed:**PCT Tr; DEC; POA Tr; Gen POA w/ cpy ASSGN.**Name of Applicant:** Gerhard KERN et al.**Serial No.:** New U.S: National Stage of PCT/EP03/03851**Atty. File No.:** 123295**Title (New Cases):** **Sender's Initials:** JAO/mps**PATENT OFFICE DATE STAMP**270/42**COPY TO BE STAMPED BY PATENT OFFICE
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**DECLARATION UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name.

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: **ELECTRONIC DISPLAY AND CONTROL DEVICE FOR A MEASURING DEVICE**

described and claimed in international application number **PCT/EP03/03851** filed **April 14, 2003**.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

European Patent Application No. 02022820.1 filed October 12, 2002

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to my international application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s):

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